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**Reference: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site, Gary, Indiana  
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial  
Investigation/Feasibility Study,  
CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004  
April 2023 Monthly Progress Report #108**

Dear Ms. Werner:

In fulfillment of the requirements of Section IX, Paragraph 32, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004, the Respondents are submitting the April 2023 monthly progress report.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me or Bennie Underwood at (865) 691-5052.

Sincerely,  
***de maximis, inc.***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael H. Samples'.

Michael H. Samples  
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Enclosure

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## MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - #108

**PROJECT NAME:** Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site

**PERIOD COVERED:** April 2023

### **A. ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

- With a submittal dated April 18, 2023, the Settling Work Parties (SWPs) provided the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), with revision 2 of the Supplemental Source Area Investigation Work Plan (Supplemental Work Plan). The Supplemental Work Plan was revised in accordance with EPA's comments, dated March 29, 2023. To assist in EPA's review of the revised Supplemental Work Plan, the SWP's submittal included a detailed response to EPA's comments letter.

Subsequently, EPA provided the SWPs with an EPA internal memorandum dated, April 26, 2023, between EPA's Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) reviewer and the Remedial Project Manager (RPM), which contained additional comments specifically on the QAPP (Appendix 2 of the Supplemental Work Plan) and requested an informal call to review and discuss this initial feedback prior to receiving formal comments from EPA on the Supplemental Work Plan as a whole. The informal call between representatives for EPA and the SWPs is scheduled for May 2, 2023.

### **B. SAMPLING AND TESTING ACTIONS AND RESULTS**

- None.

### **C/D. WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS AND SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES / DELIVERABLES**

- Receive EPA's comments on Revision 2 of the Supplemental Work Plan, dated April 18, 2023 and after addressing the comments, resubmit for EPA approval. While awaiting EPA's formal comments on the Supplemental Work Plan, the SWPs will begin addressing EPA's initial feedback on the QAPP (see Actions Taken Toward Compliance with the Settlement Agreement above).
- Upon EPA approval of the Supplemental Work Plan - Revision 3, it is anticipated that approximately 4-6 weeks will be needed to secure bids from subcontractors, award the work, schedule the field activities, and finalize the off-site access agreements, prior to initiating the supplemental source area investigation activities. Additional time may also be needed to

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coordinate and implement vegetation/debris removal activities to allow access to off-site monitoring well locations on railroad property, depending on conditions encountered. Upon completion of these initial tasks, the supplemental source area investigation activities are anticipated to be conducted over approximately 2-4 weeks.

- A routine project status call between representatives for EPA, IDEM, and the SWPs is tentatively scheduled for May 24, 2023.
- Continue coordination with transportation and disposal contractor with respect to the Investigation Derived Waste soil management and finalize arrangements for off-Site disposal, anticipated to occur in the next 2-3 weeks.

**E. CHANGES IN RI/FS WORK PLANS OR ACTIVITIES**

None.

**F. ENCOUNTERED / ANTICIPATED DELAYS**

- None.

**G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES**

- None requested.